

H.R. 481, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota to include existing hiking trails along Lake Superior's north shore and in Superior National Forest and Chippewa National Forest, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–290);

H.R. 1593, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–291);

H.R. 1641, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for a study of the Cascadia Marine Trail, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–292);

H.R. 2806, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness (H. Rept. 111–293); and

H.R. 2499, to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–294).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Serrano to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Todd Jones, First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, October 6th:

Recognizing that country music has made a tremendous contribution to American life and culture: H. Res. 650, to recognize that country music has made a tremendous contribution to American life and culture and to declare country music to be a uniquely American art form, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 766.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, October 7th:

Proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously: H.J. Res. 26, to proclaim Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 767;

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Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act of 2009: H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 768; and

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Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1016, with amendment: H. Res. 804, to provide for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1016, with amendment, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 1 “nay”, Roll No. 771.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:31 p.m. and reconvened at 2:47 p.m.

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National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2647, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, to provide special pays and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces, and to expand concurrent receipt of military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees, by a recorded vote of 281 yeas to 146 noes, Roll No. 770.

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Rejected the McKeon motion to recommit the conference report on the bill H.R. 2647 to the committee of conference with instructions to the managers on the part of the House by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 208 yeas to 216 nays with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 769.

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H. Res. 808, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 234 yeas to 188 noes, Roll No. 765.

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Agreed to the Slaughter amendment to the rule by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 764.

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Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 808, as amended, H. Con. Res. 196, making corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 2647, is adopted.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13th for morning hour debate.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he certified that an applicable